

ENCOURAGEMENT OF ETHICAL CONDUCT IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE LAW, 5752-1992

Definitions.

1. In this Law, "public servant" - has the meaning assigned to it in the Penal Law 5777-1977, including an employee of an inspected body as defined in the State Comptroller Law (Consolidated Version) 5718-1958.

Notation of a justified complaint.

2. Where a public servant has made a complaint to an inspected body in good faith and in accordance with procedures, of a corrupt act or other infringement of ethical conduct that has occurred at his workplace, and such complaint has been found to have been justified, a written note of the findings of the investigation into such complaint shall be recorded by the investigating body and by the person who heads the body in which the act or infringement took place, and a certificate to that effect shall be furnished to the complainant; in this section, "investigating body" means the person who heads the body in which the said act or infringement took place or the Attorney General, and any body legally authorised to investigate the complaint.

Justified complaint.

3. A justified complaint for the purposes of this section is complaint about which a Court of Law, the internal investigator or person in charge of the complainant at the workplace, or the Attorney General, have concluded was a justified complaint.

Certificate of merit.

4. Where the State President, or the Speaker of the Knesset after consultation with the State President, considers that the circumstances of the case justify doing so, he may award a certificate of merit to a person whose complaint has been found to have been justified, in recognition of that person's contribution to ethical conduct in public institutions in Israel; particulars of the complaint and the finding so the investigation into it shall be recorded in the certificate.

Recommendation.

5. Any citizen in Israel may recommend, in such manner as shall be prescribed in regulations, a person as a candidate for the award of a certificate of merit.

Publication.

6. Such public announcement of the award of a certificate of merit shall be made as is prescribed in regulations.

Implementation.

7. The Minister of Justice is charged with the implementation of this Law and he may, after consultation with the State President, and with the Chairman of the Constitution, Law and Justice Committee of the Knesset, make regulations pertaining to any matter concerning the implementation thereof, including -

- (1) Ways of recording the findings of an investigation as provided in section 2, and the particulars that are to be included in the aforesaid certificate;
- (2) A certificate of merit award ceremony;
- (3) Ways of submitting a recommendation for the award of a merit certificate.